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In re Application of CHOI :
U.S. Application No.: 10/556390 :
PCT Application No.: PCT/KR2005/002297 :
Int. Filing Date: 18 July 2005 : COMMUNICATION
Priority Date Claimed: 30 August 2004 :
Attorney Docket No.: 9988.254.00 :
For: DEVICE AND METHOD FOR WASHING :
MACHINE :

This application is before the Office of PCT Legal Administration for consideration of issues arising under 35 U.S.C. 371.

BACKGROUND

On 18 July 2005, applicant filed international application PCT/KR2005/002297, which claimed priority of an earlier Korea application filed 30 August 2004. A copy of the international application was communicated to the USPTO from the International Bureau on 09 March 2006. The thirty-month period for paying the basic national fee in the United States expired on 28 February 2007.

On 10 November 2005, applicant filed national stage papers in the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US). The submission was accompanied by, *inter alia*, the basic national fee required by 35 U.S.C. 371(c)(1) and a copy of the international application.

On 08 September 2006, the DO/EO/US mailed a Notice of Insufficient Basic National Fee Required and/or Missing Copy of International Application Under 35 U.S.C. 371 and 37 CFR 1.495 (Form PCT/DO/EO/912).

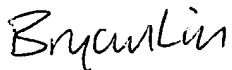
DISCUSSION

A review of the application file reveals that a copy of the international application, including a copy of the Request (Form PCT/RO/101), and the basic national fee were filed on 10 November 2005. Accordingly, Form PCT/DO/EO/912 was sent in error.

CONCLUSION

For the reasons above, the Notice of Insufficient Basic National Fee Required and/or Missing Copy of International Application Under 35 U.S.C. 371 and 37 CFR 1.495 (Form PCT/DO/EO/912) mailed 08 September 2006 is hereby VACATED.

This application is being forwarded to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) for further processing in accordance with this decision, including preparation and mailing of a Notification of Missing Requirements under 35 U.S.C. 371 (Form PCT/DO/EO/905) indicating that an oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497 must be filed.



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